

Permission Not Needed? (Ezra 5-6)

Sermon Devotional

Series - Rebuilding: Life Tools from Ezra-Nehemiah

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1. Are you the type of person who asks for permission before starting a new project, or do you just do it?
2. Do you believe that asking for permission empowers the one granting it?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Ezra 5-6 or access Pastor David's message at broadviewchurch.com/media.
4. In Ezra 5:1-2, what role did Haggai and Zechariah serve?
5. As soon as the people started rebuilding the temple, what question did the governor ask in Ezra 5:3?
6. According to Ezra 6:8-9, how would the temple rebuilding project be paid for?
7. In Ezra 6:10, why did King Darius want the temple rebuilding project to be completed?

Bringing It Home

8. Haggai and Zechariah provided the encouragement God's people needed to finish the work God has given them to do. Who is someone in your life that encourages you?
 9. Darius was King of Persia, an empire that typically worshipped a pantheon of twelve different gods. Yet in this story, he wanted the Most High God of Israel to bless him and his sons. What do you think it says about an unbeliever when they ask for God's blessing?
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